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Office Action Summary

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WANG, GUO-HUA

Examiner

Gary L. Laxton

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 07 July 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 1-5 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the positive and negative sides" in line 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the positive side inductor" in line 9. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the negative side inductor" in line 10. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the coupling point" in line 11. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the capacitor" in line 12. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "the capacitor" in line 14. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 3 recites the limitation "the capacitor" in line 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 3 recites the limitation "the capacitor" in line 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 4 recites the limitation "the output ends" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lethellier (US 6,144,565).

Lethellier discloses a capacitor coupled power supply apparatus (figs. 4-8) characterized in that: inductors (e.g. L1, L4) are respectively inserted in series at the positive and negative sides of lines for guiding a direct current supplied from an alternating current power supply (i.e. rectified AC not shown) through a rectification circuit (e.g. D1), capacitors (e.g. C3, C4) are respectively inserted in series between the positive-side inductor and a load, and between the negative-side inductor and the load (Vout); and a switching element (e.g. Q1) is connected between the coupling point of the positive-side inductor with the capacitor connected in series

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thereto, and the coupling point of the negative-side inductor and the capacitor connected in series thereto.

5. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Probst (US 4,635,175).

Probst discloses a capacitor coupled power supply apparatus (figs. 2 & 3) characterized in that: inductors (e.g. H1, H2) are respectively inserted in series at the positive and negative sides of lines for guiding a direct current supplied from an alternating current power supply (i.e. rectified AC not shown) through a rectification circuit (e.g. D1, D2), capacitors (e.g. C5, C6) are respectively inserted in series between the positive-side inductor and a load, and between the negative-side inductor and the load (Vout); and a switching element (e.g. T1, T3) is connected between the coupling point of the positive-side inductor with the capacitor connected in series thereto, and the coupling point of the negative-side inductor and the capacitor connected in series thereto.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US 5,886,506 Ozawa disclose dual inductors in a boost switching power supply; US 5,583,421 Barbehenn et al. disclose dual capacitors in a boost switching power supply.

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary L. Laxton whose telephone number is (571) 272-2079. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Karl Easthom can be reached on (571) 272-1989. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Laxton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gary L. Laxton
Primary Examiner
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